



WATERMILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Weekly Newsletter

May 3, 2020

Nevertheless I Live

“Nevertheless I live.” Maybe partly because of the wonderful tune to which I’ve heard young people sing Galatians 2:20 through the years, this phrase echoes in my imagination and encourages my heart. Though it’s from a particular context—a different one from the immediate circumstance we’re facing—I think it might be good to let it do that for all of us through this time.

The phrase comes from the beautiful, lyrical way the King James Version translates Galatians 2:20. “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me,” the verse declares.

It is the capstone of the profound and emotional argument Paul makes for the truth of the gospel. The faith of Christ was such that he was obedient even to the death of the cross. The love of the Son of God was enough that he gave himself up for us. If that is not enough to provide us with life, or if it is not necessary in order for us to have life, he did all that for nothing. Paul says as much in the very next verse.

We remember, though, that he was raised, and that death has no dominion over him, and that he lives to God. And we believe that, through the gospel and obedience to it, we died with him and were raised with him, and that now we are alive to God with him, servants of righteousness, heirs of life. “Yet not I, but Christ!”

From this point of view, it is not a stretch to take the “nevertheless I live” as an encouraging, strengthening reality in any experience we may encounter. We’ve already been crucified with him, yet we live with him. We are loved. He lives in us. We’ll meet things that go wrong, but we’ll be okay.

–Bill McFarland



GRADUATES, we haven’t forgotten you!! We are hoping to have a Graduates’ Reception at the building to honor you sometime in August.?? In the meantime, Carrie Lines would like to start collecting your information. If you are or have someone who is graduating this year from high school, trade school, college, etc., please contact Carrie at Carrie.Lines@health.mo.gov. We have the following names: High School: Josiah Downing, Kameron Epperly, Anthony Kraus, Gabe Mahon, Ariel

Valeika, Logan Winters. College: Jedonna Griter- MSU/Masters. If you are not included in this list, please contact Carrie or the church office. Congratulation to all! We love you and are proud of you and your accomplishments.



- **Sherry Sherman** is in Cox South and has been in critical condition. She was a little better later in the week.
- **Oran Green** is now at home being cared for by Nadean and the family. He is holding his own.
- **Connie Thompson**, Vern's wife, as she deals with complications from throat cancer.

- **Carolyn Young** and **Shirlane Horton** are waiting to be scheduled for knee replacement surgeries.
- **Marty Long** will need hernia surgery as soon as the hospitals start scheduling again.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, has stage 3 aggressive breast cancer. She started aggressive chemo last week.
- Orvella Blackburn's son-in-law, Josh's father, **Barry DeWeese**, is feeling better. He is going to a doctor in Mountain Home who may be able to help with his kidney situation.
- Elizabeth Lilly's dad, **Frank Cunningham**, as he goes through radiation treatments.

Continued prayers for health concerns: Connie Westerman, Marlene Matthews, Julie Alexander, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Ruth Raines, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingenet, Lynette Schreiwes, Barney Crawford's sister, Kathy Farris, Rachel Lilly

Continue to **PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS** in the days and weeks ahead.

Pray for **our congregation while we are apart!** Pray for all **healthcare workers!**

Pray for the **leaders of our country.**



Debbi Ratterree has moved to the Residence Inn St. Louis Downtown, Room 212, 525 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103.

We are still needing volunteers to go to St. Louis to stay with Debbi so that David can come home for a few days. Contact Scott or Melinda Barton if you would be able and willing to help the Ratterrees.



We extend our sympathy to Nancy Johnson and all the family and friends of our dear sister, **Frances Grann**, who passed away last Saturday. A private service was held last Thursday but a celebration of her life will be held at a later date for family and friends.

We also extend our love and sympathy to **Kay Adamson** and her family in the loss of her brother Jerry Posten. A private service was held last week.



Birthdays

- 3 Jo Baggett
- 4 Byrle Hayter

- John Stayton
- 6 Don Essex
- Tom Easterly
- Jenny Carroll
- 7 Angela Brummet
- Gregory Johnson
- Jessica Orum
- 8 Clint Holden
- 10 Jared Duncan
- 13 Elizabeth Lilly
- 14 Jeremy Thurlkill
- 15 Barbara Barnes
- 16 Kim Maples
- Bryan Hannah



May Anniversaries

- 7 James/Lori McCall 32 yrs.
- 7 Aaron/Brittany Morrison 15 yrs.
- 10 Jason/Lora Luna 23 yrs.
- 12 **Jerry/Pat Milligan 58 yrs.**
- 14 Cambre/Chelsea Thrasher 9 yrs.
- 16 Gene/Kelley Kenyon 39 yrs.
- 19 Rosalie/Charlie Cruse 48 yrs.
- 19 Bill/Kay McFarland 46 yrs.
- 25 Keaton/Kylie Galindo 1 yr.
- 27 Aaron/Stephanie Schwartz 14 yrs.
- 28 Barry/Cindy Hannah 43 yrs.

- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Wednesday Bible class live on FB at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Prepackaged communion cups available at the office.
- ◆ CONTRIBUTION: Mail to 3020 N. Barnes, 65803; drop it by the building; for on-line giving, go to our website, www.watermillchurchofchrist.org and click on the GIVE link.

Shut-Ins

- Ron Bower
 - Mary Bratcher
 - Don Essex
 - Clarence Feeny
 - Ola Jean Feeny
 - Cecil Frost
 - Wanda Frost
 - Doris Iorg
 - Debbi Ratterree
 - Jim Reaves
 - Ruth Reaves
 - Doris Tobler
- Nursing Homes
- Ella Mae Findlay
 - Ann Freeze
 - Jerry Gillespie
 - Wayne Harmon
 - Virginia Morgan
 - Sandra Pingenet
 - Nancy Snider

Expectant Moms

- Chelsea Thrasher*
Girl/August 10
- Alison Thurlkill*
Girl/August 31

Health Care Workers:

- Deana Asher
- Vickie Baker
- Audra Bowling
- Morgan Burdette
- Susan Crum
- Gaitha Downing
- Josiah Downing
- Megan Hollingsworth
- Mike Jackson
- Andrea James
- Kelli Kirk
- Elizabeth Lilly
- Luke Lines
- Lori McCall
- Kim Maples
- Pam Morrison
- Aaron Morrison
- Shawn Sekulic
- Julie Taylor
- Brittany Springer
- Lisa Stokes
- Dustin Stokes
- Kevin Westerman
- Terri Wilson

Family: Ashley Hopper

- Brandon Snider
- Allison Snider
- Connie Snider
- Elaina Stockstill